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Letter dated 6 January 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Portugal to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit the text, in English and French of a statement on the European Community and its member States on El Salvador, issued on 3 January 1992 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the text of the present letter and its annex circulated as an official document of the General Assembly under agenda item 31.

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ANNEX

Statement on El Salvador, issued at Brussels on 3 January 1992 by the European Community

The Community and its member States express their satisfaction at the signature, on 31 December 1991, of the "Act of New York" between the Government of El Salvador and the Farabundo Martí National Liberation Front (FMLN), which, together with agreements previously entered into, should definitively settle the Salvadorean armed conflict.

They welcome this major step forward towards the establishment of peace in El Salvador, which is the result of the courageous constructive and flexible attitude displayed by the two parties. They pay tribute to the key role played by the former Secretary-General of the United Nations, Mr. Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, his personal representative, as well as the four countries of the Group of Friends of the Secretary-General, whose good offices have largely contributed to the success of this negotiating process.

They express the hope that the two parties will pursue the negotiations in the same spirit of flexibility, with a view to implementing the "Act of New York" which is to bring peace to El Salvador and to strengthen stability in Central America.

The Community and its member States reiterate their determination to play their share in the national reconciliation as well as in the reconstruction of El Salvador.